

Venezuela boosts ties with Syria and Iran

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In an agreement between Venezuelan state-controlled airline Conviasa and Iran’s national carrier Iran Air, a weekly flight from the Venezuelan capital, Caracas, to Tehran, which includes a stop in the Syrian capital, Damascus, began last Friday.

Iran is already Venezuela’s closest ally outside Latin America, with ventures to produce oil and build cars and tractors together. Under one joint automobile project, commercial output

of Peugeot-inspired Semand sedans is expected to start at a plant outside Caracas later this month.

Chavez has expressed explicit support for Iran's controversial uranium enrichment programme, which the US and other powers fear is aimed at building nuclear weapons, but which Tehran avers is solely for civilian use.

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